

In the claims

The following amendments are made with respect to the claims in the international application PCT/JP2004/016333.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1 (original). An α -glucosidase activity inhibitor comprising a *Nelumbonaceae* plant preparation.

2 (currently amended). A pharmaceutical composition for treating or preventing diabetes, wherein the composition comprises ~~the α -glucosidase inhibitor of claim 1~~ an α -glucosidase activity inhibitor comprising a *Nelumbonaceae* plant preparation.

3 (currently amended). A food composition for treating or preventing diabetes, wherein the composition comprises ~~the α -glucosidase activity inhibitor of claim 1~~ an α -glucosidase activity inhibitor comprising a *Nelumbonaceae* plant preparation.